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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

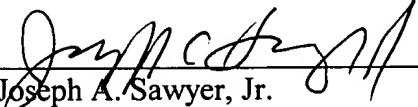
Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reason for which the claims are allowable. In particular, Applicant does not concede that all the identified limitations - i.e., **In reference to claims 2, 12, and 22: Defining a library checkout function in a database management system for locking a managed database table including creating a set of editing triggers that corresponds to the checkout function for supporting the accessing of complex data object with opaque data types by utilizing the library control functions via structure query commands to designate a primary key as the editing control mechanism for a checked-out cell until an update occurs by a user such that to ensure the data integrity during accessing the complex data objects and allows update and edit control over an extended time period for the database system in a combination** – are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record. Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for other reasons.

In addition, Applicant notes that dependent claims 7-10, 17-20 and 26-29, may also be allowable on their own merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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